

MEETING MINUTES
Gulf Cove Street and Drainage Advisory Committee
August 14, 2014 – Regular Meeting
3:00pm - Hope Lutheran Church Conference Room

Attendees: David Cormier, Ron Kubala, Franz Leppla, Jose Subero
Absent: Richard Van Acker (excused)
County staff: Mike Dallenbach, Judith Nothdurft, Venkat Vattikuti, and Sandy Wright
Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 3:13 p.m. A roll call of members determined a quorum was present.

The minutes from the June 5, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only: (3 Minute Limit)

- Mr. Priess asked when the paving is going to start and end.
- Mr. Murphy
 1. The drainage problem reported back in June on David Blvd is being addressed; however Churchill on the north side of David Blvd going towards Gallagher in the vicinity of Feldman and Proctor has not been addressed. There are still problems with the drainage under the road. Mr. Dallenbach will follow-up.
 2. Herbicide is being applied around the signs and killing the vegetation in large areas around the signs making a mess. Ms. Nothdurft will follow-up.
- Mr. Peleske asked who funds the dredging of the Gulf Cove waterways. The Gulf Cove Waterway MSBU would be responsible for that funding.

Unfinished Business:

- Gulf Cove Entrance Pedestrian Safety Issue – Mr. Vattikuti sent information to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding fixing this area as part of their road project. An answer is expected back within the next week or two. County staff can do the work using MSBU funding with the Committee's approval, if FDOT will not make it part of their project. Mr. Vattikuti will communicate the status and cost to Ms. Nothdurft to distribute to the members.
- Waste Management Trucks – The contract expires September 30, 2020. There was discussion regarding the ability to make changes to the contract. Mr. Kubala will call Mr. Richard Allen, Solid Waste Operations Manager, to see if there are any contingencies within the contract to make changes.
- Gulf Cove Drainage Pipe Cleaning – Staff discussed creating a plan to do small sections each year that would include the outfall pipes, driveway pipes and road crossing pipes. Mr. Dallenbach suggested starting with the outfall pipes and will provide an estimate at the next meeting.
- Remaining Paving – Ms. Nothdurft conveyed that the change order was approved and is now part of the Paving Contract for 2014. The remaining streets will be paved at the end of the contract in late 2014. Information cards were distributed showing how to access "Project Status Updates" on the County website.
- Citizen Drainage Concerns – There are still concerns regarding Churchill at Feldman and Proctor, as noted by Mr. Murphy. Additionally, the Work Order comments showed that pipes were cleaned at Mayfair, Pawnee, and Duval, which is an area of concern noted by Mr. Van Acker.
- Brush Cutting/Vegetation Removal Concerns – The Committee stated the flail mowing was not done. Mr. Dallenbach reported that this work is done by County staff and is scheduled. It is not unusual for equipment to sit for periods of time during this time of year due to staff vacations.
- Cracks in Paving - Ms. Nothdurft conveyed information from Mr. Layport, the Paving Projects Manager, regarding the cracks in the new paving. The cracking in the roadways is known as reflective cracking and will happen wherever there was a crack in the road base. Mr. Murphy said the streets have just been paved and the cracks don't look very nice. There should be a solution to the problem. Staff stated the problem can be corrected by re-installing the road base, which would be very costly. The cracking at the end of the driveways is caused by placing asphalt (flexible material) over concrete at the joint.
- Specialty Cutting – Mr. Van Acker presented written comments that if specialty cutting work is going to be done on the cul-de-sac roads, then those property owners should be assessed for paying for the additional service. This item will be tabled for discussion until the next meeting when Mr. Van Acker is present.

New Business:

- Financial Reports – The 9 Month Actual, Activity and History Reports were distributed for review and discussion. Landfill fees were discussed.

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Open Discussion:

- Mr. Kubala discussed a drainage problem at 5763 David in the vicinity of Norlander and Latham that was mentioned at the last meeting. Mr. Dallenbach stated it is on the schedule to be done. Mr. Kubala requested Mr. Dallenbach provide the details to him so that he update Mr. Eckstrom.
- Mr. Leppla discussed alternative ways for mowing options; stating it hasn't rained in 4 days and nothing is being cut because the mowers are in another part of the county. Smaller equipment should be used instead of the heavy equipment that is being used; as it is too large and is sinking into the ground. Turf mowers that are used on gulf courses don't tear up the ground.
- Mr. Kubala stated he would like to see the current mowing contract end and be put out to bid again so that a requirement to use a boom arm mower (that would not damage the swales) could be written into a new contract. Mr. Dallenbach will bring this back to the Maintenance & Operations Manager.
- Mr. Leppla reported a new power pole was installed in his neighborhood. He was told that FPL will pay for the damage that was done. He wants to make sure the MSBU doesn't have to pay for the repairs.
- Mr. Leppla stated that Captiva Island doesn't have any pepper trees because they cut them and treat them. Mr. Dallenbach conveyed that a test area will be done in South Gulf Cove where the vegetation will be treated with herbicide and cut; he will report back with the results.
- Mr. Kubala asked if the County can cut down the canopy of trees that grow over some of the roads; if so, what the cost would be. Mr. Dallenbach has reviewed the concern, but is not sure of the solution due to the Brush Crew not being able to enter private property; he will look into this further. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up with Fiscal Services to see if funding is available. Mr. Kubala agreed to create a list of locations that are a concern.
- Mr. Leppla asked who takes care of cutting under the telephone lines and telephone poles. Mr. Dallenbach explained the vertical hedger only cuts the vegetation coming into the right-of way and cannot be taken onto private property. The contractor is not cutting to the edge of the right-of-way due to the telephone poles.

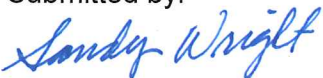
Citizen Input for MSBU Related Items: (3 Minute Limit)

- Mr. Priess discussed the issue of the roads cracking after the road resurfacing was done. The roads look bad. If the base is not fixed the road will continue to crack. Some of the cul-de-sacs did have base repairs done at a much higher cost.
- Mr. Murphy asked what the difference would be in the cost of repaving and repaving with the base repaired. Staff stated the price would be 4-5 times higher with the road base repairs.
- Mr. Murphy commented on the pepper trees. The pepper trees will never be eliminated because birds spread the seeds. It's a County wide problem that will have to be lived with because the County can't go on private property to eliminate pepper trees.
- Mr. Murphy stated that all terrain vehicles have cut another path off of Gallagher. The location was shown on a map. The property is managed by Community Services. He stated that Mr. Leppla's ideas are good but this area is different than being up north.
- Mr. Murphy commented about the flail mower that ran between Kennel and David stating the driver did a very nice job.
- Mr. Murphy asked if the canal dredging is done on a 5 or 7 year basis. The last dredge was done in 2010 and will be done again in 2015.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 22, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

